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SUBJ: CHINESE ATTENDANCE AT AMEMBASSY FUNCTIONS

1. ON TWO OCCASIONS THIS MONTH CHINESE AMBASSADOR CHIN CH' UAN WANG HAS FAILED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE, THE FIRST FOR THE APOLLO XVII ASTRONAUTS AND THEN FOR JULY 4. IN EACH CASE THERE WAS A TELEPHONE CALL TO REGRET ON THE MORNING OF THE EVENT.

2. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THIS IS MATTER OF POLICY, WHETHER OF LOCAL CHINESE EMBASSY, OR THROUGHOUT AFRICA, OR PERHAPS DEVELOPING WORLD. DON' T KNOW WHETHER DEPT IS KEEPING SCORE ON THIS, BUT IT DOES CONTRAST WITH APPARENT WARMTH OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS IN PEKING AND WASHINGTON.

3. A FURTHER CONTRAST HERE IS NOT ONLY UNFAILIN ATTENDANCE SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL AT AMERICAN FUNCTIONS, BUT RECENT INVITATION OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AMBASSADORCLARK AND RANKING MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY STAFF TO A BILATERAL LUNCH AT SOVIET EMBASSY NEXT WEEK, SOMTHING THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE MEMORY OF ANYONE HERE.

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